

REMARKS

Claims 14, 22, 23, and 24 have been amended.

Claims 1-5, 7-8, and 15-19 have been withdrawn.

Claims 9-12, 20, and 21 have been cancelled.

Claim 24 is in independent format.

Claims 14 and 22-24 remain pending.

1. Species Election

The withdrawal of Claims 1-5, 7-8, and 15-19 from consideration is acknowledged.

2. Allowable Claims

The Examiner has indicated that Claim 24 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and to include all of the limitations of the base claim 20 and any intervening claims.

Applicant has amended Claim 24 into independent format by including all of the limitations of parent Claim 20. The claim has further been amended to overcome the Examiner's stated objection to the phrase "reduced smoke". Accordingly, Claim 24 is now believed in condition for allowance.

Dependent Claims 14, 22, and 23 have been amended to depend directly from independent Claim 24, and accordingly, are believed to be allowable for the same reasons as Claim 24.

3. Conclusion

Based on the foregoing, the remaining claims 14, 22, 23, and 24 are believed in condition for allowance.

If for any reason the Examiner is unable to pass the application to issue, and feels that an interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the purpose of arranging such an interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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